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ASBURY was ordained deacon, elder and superintendent.
Here we have good names, strong men, sincere workers. Their spirit has been maintained through the fruitful years that have seen their work carried on by worthy successors. It is an interesting coincidence that the years chosen to recall particularly the labors of these good men sees the great breach in the Church wall on the way to elimination. The Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Episcopal Church, separated since 1844, are drawing together. The cause of their differences has ceased to exist; their natural destiny appears to be reunion; and by that reunion each must gain in resources to meet the responsibility that is laid upon them.

Lincoln and Wilson!

It is not only the lithographs employed by Mr. VANDEKAMER who represent ABRAHAM LINCOLN and WOODROW WILSON standing side by side in the same scale of dimensions, President Wilson himself has expressed regret that he was not at hand to help LINCOLN. This belated expression of willingness to assist is quoted from a speech in New York four months ago:

"It is singular how touching every reference to ABRAHAM LINCOLN is. It always makes you feel that you wish you had been there to help him fight the battles that he was fighting sometimes almost alone."

What ABRAHAM LINCOLN, with his keen sense of humor, his sincerity of heart and his shrewd perception of human character, would have thought of WOODROW WILSON we fear we shall never know.

Lord CHARNWOOD, the latest biographer of LINCOLN, draws a picture of his steadfastness of purpose and greatness of soul which is a sufficient comment on the comparisons in which Mr. WILSON frequently indulges. Lord CHARNWOOD, referring to a situation of enormous difficulty and peculiarly tempting to the watchful waiter, says of LINCOLN:

"If he had not stood square in December upon the platform upon which he had stood in May, if he had preferred to enroll himself among those statesmen of all countries whose steepest words are uttered for their own subsequent employment in eating them, he might conceivably have saved much bloodshed, but he would not have left the United States a country of which any good man was proud to be a citizen."

Was it fortunate or unfortunate for this country and for the pride of American citizenship that WOODROW WILSON was not "there" at the time to help ABRAHAM LINCOLN?

The New Dime.

One impression conveyed by the new dime, fresh from the hammer of the Money Devil, is that of a picture in a shadow box. In order that he might bring out the face of Liberty the artist has sunk the obverse side of the coin lowly and the indentation at the edge is deep, though graceful. The concave surface gives play to lights and shadows while the line is new. Hold it one way and Miss Liberty, darkly beautiful, swims in a silver sea. Hold it another way and her face shines brightly from the surface of a shadowed pool.

The wear on the coin will be on the cheek of Liberty, as it was in the old design, but on the edge of her cap, which is more like a motor helmet than the former fashion in headpieces for this important lady. The cap covers her ears, and the wings on it suggest that she is in sympathy with the modern pace.

She is a fine looking girl; not the cold Roman lady of the previous century, but a person who might have come from Vassar. Her neck is more slender than that of the old girl and her chin is fine and strong, but not thick. It is easy to see where her nose departs from her brow. It is a nice little nose, even if it does lack the tilt of magazine cover noses. The mouth is small and human, without the grim lips of other Liberties.

The secret of this new Liberty's beauty is youth. She seems to be 22, whereas the older Liberties appeared to be at least 32 and conscious of their age.

Psychological Preparedness?
Did WOODROW WILSON put us in the headlines in 1913-14 to prepare us for being kept out of war in 1914-15?

Building Roads.

Three men were riding in an automobile along the South Country road of Long Island at a point where it has received a cement surface, sixteen feet wide. One was a highway engineer, one was a scientist of German birth and training, one was an official of a Western State.

"Fine road," said the Westerner. "I wonder how long it will last."
The highway engineer rubbed his chin and replied that no one knew exactly. All would depend upon the amount and character of the traffic, the speed at which it travelled and the frequency and nature of repairs.

"Aren't those things known?" asked the German scientist with surprise. No, the engineer told him, they weren't. Present day motor traffic is too new a development.

"We know that heavy motor traffic will destroy macadam in no time," said the engineer. "As for the relative durability of brick and concrete we know little as yet. In fact, we don't know the precise amount of wear on a given surface by varying amounts of traffic. We think now that high speeds are more injurious than heavy loads, but the matter has still to be determined."

"Out in my State \$25,000,000 has

just been appropriated to build good roads," remarked the Westerner. "and you know I'm here partly to get ideas as to how it may be spent most wisely. What you say is discouraging; almost as discouraging as meeting these other highway engineers who know it all. Each one of them has his favorite material which, if you will believe him, always makes the best road under all conditions."

"In Germany," observed the scientist, "they would go about it a little differently. Of your \$25,000,000 they would spend perhaps \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 in experimentation. They would pave one mile of a road with brick, another with concrete, another with wood blocks, and so on. They would spend months or a year or two if necessary, sending given traffic at given speeds over these surfaces. They would measure the wear and tear, if necessary inventing mechanism for that purpose. They would find out that a one ton load, say, going at twenty miles an hour over a concrete road would wear it off three-hundredths of an inch, or four times as much as a one ton load travelling at ten miles an hour. They would have exact formulas for every variety of traffic, and by measuring the traffic on a road to be built they would know just what surface it needed and how long it would last. And they would never, never, never issue fifty year bonds to pay for ten year roads."

"It ought to be done," conceded the highway engineer, and the Westerner assented. Then the two looked at each other and at the scientist. All three smiled and said almost in unison: "But you could never get 'em to do that sort of thing in this country."

When the Spendthrift Pays Up.

Father KNICKERBOCKER's light is that of a spendthrift whose creditors have taken over the management of his estate. They compel him to pay for debt horses, cut off the luxuries extravagances he has come to look upon as necessary to his comfort, deny him credit and generally inconvenience and embarrass him. In the end the trials of reform restore him to prosperity; and then his free-handed spending begins again, if he is a fool who cannot learn even from experience.

The city's debt is staggering, and the debt service in the budget is an increasingly heavy burden. The pay as you go system adds to the annual expense sums that under the old system would be deferred to freight another administration with financial woe. The expenditures imposed on the taxpayers by past prodigality are hard to bear. There are increasing demands for higher salaries, which in many cases must be heeded. Certain public improvements cannot be postponed. Is it a wonder that the budget for 1917 reaches \$211,115,000, or \$12,000,000 more than was allowed for the same objects last year?

For the spendthrift's estranged kinsfolk we can have some sympathy; but Father KNICKERBOCKER's sons and daughters, with their unending cries of "Spend! Spend!" brought the old gentleman to the condition he is in, and for them as they pay for their wastefulness it is difficult to squeeze out a tear.

Perhaps the Deutschland has brought over a copy of that submerged adendum. Wouldn't an Administration that winked at Dr. X be capable of winking at Von HANSENSTRAU?

Prosperity takes on a chilly aspect when coal is worth its weight in gold. Even VANDEKAMER must realize that the Administration is suffering from too much exposure.

The dual personality of Wilson is well illustrated by the fact that his Secretary of State resigned on the ground that the President was too much of a swashbuckler and his Secretary of War became a considered Wilson a pussfoot.

In an article in THE SUN of October 21, suggested by Field Marshal von HANSENSTRAU's survey of the war and dealing with the resources in fighting men of the two groups of allies, a mistake was made in the case of the population of Austria-Hungary. The population of Austria is 10,000,000 less than that of France, but Austria-Hungary has 10,000,000 more people. Therefore the Teutonic allies, including Turkey and Bulgaria, should have been credited with 145,000,000 people, as compared with a total of 320,000,000 for the Entente allies.

In the office of Wall Street's statistical bureau, where several leading experts in steel trade statistics are employed, a pool was made just before the close of the market on the net earnings of United States Steel for the third quarter. Most of the staff, including the experts, wrote their estimates and their names on a slip of paper and put it in a hat, each contributing a dollar. After the earnings were announced the slips of paper were examined, and it was found the office had won the pool with a guess of \$55,000,000, which was within \$17,000,000 of the exact total—From yesterday's newspapers.

Purely luck, of course, had an "expert" won the pool, however, his success would have been convincing evidence of his "expertness."

Warden DENBICK has only 150 pairs of winter trousers for 1,500 convicts in Sing Sing, and yet there are persons who doubt the efficacy of Tom Brown's methods of prison reform.

In 1910 he was sent to Clinton Prison for life as a habitual criminal, but was released after three years by the Prison Board—The news of the day.

Seasoning mercy with justice.

Why not have a Silhouette Day at Shadow Lawn?

Every Garrison has reserves.

The Lead Pencil.

In November with a pencil
Should be fought the battle dark;
But in a wooden jacket,
Careful aim and hit the mark!

POLLING THE JURY.

How the Postal Men in the National Guard Voted.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: When the National Guard was ordered to the border, our Administration in a very patriotic and paternal way urged employers of enlisted men to keep up their salaries and hold open their places. At least 90 per cent. did.

Many of our Post Office employees belong to the National Guard. When the call came they responded at once and naturally expected their employer, the United States Government, to do at least for them as it had urged upon the merchants. The facts are: their pay was cut off at once. Employees in the Post Office Department do not get large salaries, and the sudden call gave the men no chance to arrange for their families. The poor wives were left to shift for themselves, often with small children. Cases are known to me where they had to break up their little homes and appeal to charity. A private soldier only gets \$15 a month, and he can't send any cash home. All Government employees are afraid of losing their jobs if they talk too much, and therefore I can't give names, although I have made personal investigation and can vouch for the facts. The Government was considerate to the extent that it gave the men their old jobs when they returned. But the Administration will point to a sum which the two billion dollar Congress, in a burst of charity, appropriated for needy soldiers, &c. These postal clerks heard about it, but so far I can't find where one of them has had any attention paid to his application. Anyhow, money for food and clothing was needed during the time the husbands were away, and through it will be welcome now it won't make up for the family's humiliation last summer.

Is it any wonder that these men are glad that they will have a chance to vote against the Administration if they were in their places, now would you vote?

WILSON D. LYON.

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 1.

Four Fatal Words.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: If President Wilson had been sincere and really desired an honest eight hour law he could have accomplished that result merely by changing the word "eighteen" to "eight" in the executive order, which was signed by President Roosevelt on March 1, 1907.

W. C. R.

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 1.

A Phrase on Which Wilson's Hopes Rest.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: A nation that will elect its ruler on such a slogan as "He kept us out of war" is destined to perish, and deserves to perish, from the face of the earth, unless it is later reborn through some process of purification.

WILLIAM W. KILPATRICK.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., NOVEMBER 1.

A President Who Flies Kites.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Dave Harmon of Mount Kisco says: "I like a man who writes a note and pays it at maturity. Wilson issues lots of notes, but when one falls due the way of paying is to issue a new note."

M. D. P.

MOUNT KISCO, NOVEMBER 1.

Single Superstition of the Single Track Mind.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Mr. Wilson, in his Shadow Lawn speech to Tammany, said:

"When I was very young I saw my superstitious father and I did not believe in ghosts. But I have had one superstitious experience since I was a youngster. I thought the old man was right. He said he had seen a ghost when he was in one direction to turn around and go back. I have heard upon that superstition all my life and I intend to act upon it to the end."

V. C. R.

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 1.

A Prediction That New Jersey Is Too Proud to Vote for Wilson.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: After traveling for some months through New Jersey I have come to the conclusion that a majority of the voters in this State would rather be carried in the ranks of the "Yellow" streak than in the ranks of the "Yellow" streak. The terms define themselves.

H. W. K.

MILBURN, N. J., NOVEMBER 1.

A Verdict for Which the World Waits.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: A vital point to be considered in the coming election is, Shall we ratify or repudiate Mr. Wilson's stand in regard to his foreign policy?

If elected, we ratify, and if defeated, we repudiate.
If elected, are the foreign nations to believe that we are afraid to fight and would rather back down? It certainly would seem so. The vacillating policy of the Administration is known by all Americans. It is also known by all foreign governments and apparently construed that we are afraid to back up our demands. Reports coming to us from foreign lands are that our demands are treated with contempt, and certainly this is not strange, taking everything into consideration.

If Mr. Hughes is elected the foreign nations must know that the majority of the people of the United States are not in accord with Mr. Wilson and his un-American policies and that after March 4 they must respect us and that our notes are not for home consumption only.

HENRY C. HANFORD.

BROOKLYN, NOVEMBER 1.

THE ANGEL CHILD SECRETARY OF WAR.

Surely Even Wilson the Historian Must Have Lost Respect for Him.

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: In President Wilson's biography of George Washington, pertaining to the Continental army encamped at Valley Forge he quotes Washington as follows:

"Naked and starving as they are, we cannot sufficiently admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiers."

Mr. Wilson himself says:

"The army came out of its dismal winter quarters stronger than it had ever been before, alive in spirit and in discipline, more devoted to its commander than ever, and more fit to serve him."

Similarly in his "History of the American People" relative to that same Valley Forge army Mr. Wilson wrote:

"Despite every bitter experience of that dark and anxious season, the [Washington] had, when spring came, a army stronger and braver for its sufferings than when he took it into winter quarters."

In the light of the above quotations how can Mr. Wilson continue to countenance in the office of Secretary of War this Newton D. Baker, who, by his stammering statements about the Continental soldiers has divested himself of the right to serve this nation in any office, however humble? Also, how can any self-respecting American citizen countenance in office such a President, in his own miserable failure left out of the question, who continues to retain in his Cabinet such a man as Baker?

I am anticipating the honor of casting a vote, my first Presidential vote, for Mr. Charles E. Hughes.

HENRY G. JEFFERSON.

NEW BRUNSWICK, OCTOBER 31.

THE BAWDS' PROGRESS.

Must the City Advertise Its Repulsive Though Necessary Tasks?

To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: I have just read the account of the night waiting for conclusive returns of the election, presented himself to the correspondents of the press in the first flush of realization of the great destiny that had called him to assume the Executive leadership of a hundred millions of his fellow citizens. What then was the burden of his thought, the direction of his outlook? With what problem did his mind appear chiefly concerned?

Mr. Wilson's utterance at that time was notable for its illuminating expression of a deep sense of personal responsibility. He was a man profoundly impressed by the weight of his new obligation to the American people. His